Deputy PM meets Finland’s Foreign Minister

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, met yesterday in Washington, with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland, Pekka Haavisto. They reviewed bilateral relations and ways of enhancing them, besides issues of common concern.

Qatar pledges $63m to UN

The State of Qatar has pledged $63.78m in voluntary contributions to core resources of a number of United Nations (UN) agencies, departments and programmes in 2020, emphasizing that the State attaches the utmost importance to strengthening its partnership with the UN system in order to meet common global challenges.

This came in a statement made by Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, Ambassador H E Sheikh Ali Ahmed bin Saif Al Thani, at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities held at UN headquarters in New York.

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School students perform rain-seeking prayer

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Students at various levels of education in both boys and girls schools performed the Istimqaa prayer yesterday morning.

The students performed prayer in their schools with the participation of the administrative and teaching staff and their parents, said Ministry of Education and Higher Education in a release. The Ministry asked, in a circular, to schools to hold Istisqa prayer in all schools.

Schools were also asked to urge students and staff to perform Istisqa prayer, and stressed the importance of communication with parents to urge their children to come early to perform prayers in the school prayerplaces and free spaces. The schools of Qatar are keen to perform Istisqa prayers every year with the participation of students and staff.

Qatar, US renew commitment to combating terrorism

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Tear gas grenades kill 4 Iraq protesters

Four protesters were killed by tear gas canisters in Baghdad yesterday as régime forces tried to snuff out the largest grassroots movement to sweep Iraq in years. Iraq's political elite has come under renewed pressure in recent days from both the street and the international community to immediately address calls for reform. The UN, Washington and Brussels have all strongly criticised Baghdad authorities' harsh response to protests, which has killing more than 330 people dead since the start of October.

Early yesterday, four protesters were killed when they were hit by tear gas canisters at the main protest camp in Tahrir (Liberty) Square, medical sources said. In heated skirmishes, groups of young men wearing surgical masks as construction helmets tossed back tear gas canisters at riot police stationed behind concrete blast walls. The riot police have occupied the square for three weeks, firing live rounds, stun grenades and even machine gun fire. Security forces have relied heavily on tear gas to confine protesters to Tahrir, and rights group have accused them of improperly firing the canisters directly into crowds at close range, shattering protesters' skulls and chests.

One angry activist reminded security forces that the cleric among Iran's conservatives. The protest movement first rose from Tripoli's Government of National Accord (GNA). Jalil Othman Abdel Jalil and pay average 800 dinars ($620) a month. The protest movement has been hard hit by conflict and political turmoil.

Erdogan: Turkey to buy US Patriots but won't give up S-400s

Despite repeated warnings and the risk of US sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, Turkey has not rowed back from the move.

The act, known as CAATSA, was passed by Congress in 2017 and mandates sanctions for any "significant" purchases of weapons from Russia. Following the White House. Erdogan and Trump held a press conference on Wednesday in which the US leader said Turkey's acquisition of the S-400 "creates some very serious challenges for us. We are talking about it constantly. He said the two countries' foreign ministers and national security advisors would imme- diately begin working on resolving the 'S-400 issue'.

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Lebanese lay to rest ‘martyr of revolution’

Hundreds of Lebanese yesterday mourned the funeral of a prominent activist killed during an unprecedented anti- governmental protest movement that has shaken the country for nearly a month. Mourners from across the country flooded Choufouh, the hometown of Alaa Abu Fakhr, which was destroyed in a street artist has painted a mural of him in the areas surrounding Gaza. Some restrictions were lifted on residents of southern Israel and traffic returned to the streets of the Palestinian coastal territory. But after hours of calm, a barrage of five rockets landed near the site of the protest movement to leave the S-400s and go towards the Patriots. When we were at this point we were strengthening relations with Russia. Erdogan told Turkish journalists on board his plane after talks with US President Donald Trump on Wednesday.

"We said 'But we would buy the Patriots too. However, we will also have the S-400.' We added, 'We need one.'" Erdogan had earlier in the same interview spoken about Turkey and Russia's improving bilateral relations, focusing on issues such as the rising natural gas and the rising number of Russian tourists coming to Turkey.

Erdogan said the proposal to buy Patriots in lieu of S-400s was an "affront" to Turkey's sovereignty rights. "We absolutely do not think this is right," he said.

Turkey-US ties are strained over multiple issues including claims that they are especially tough after Ankara's purchase of the S-400 system from Moscow.

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Forces capture 3 of pro-Haftar militants

Three of Eastern Libyan fighters led by military commander Khalid al-Masoud were captured by the Tripoli-based forces, according to an official statement early yesterday.

Three elements of Haftar were captured in Wadi Al Ritual area, south of Tripoli, according to the UN-recognised Government of National Accord (GNA). GNA's spokesman Mohammed Gammoudi pointed in a statement, to the death of a civilian and the injury of another as a result of rockets fired by Haftar's forces on salah Al Din area in Tripoli.

There was no immediate comment from Haftar's GNA or the armed forces.
Kindness and compassion of the Prophet

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T he Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) always behaved in a way that showed kindness and compassion to all, not only on earth, but on the day of the Next World. The Quran describes the Prophet (PBUH) as being patient and kind. His仁慈和善良是他的特点, and he was never harsh towards anyone. He was kind to all, whether they were friends or enemies. This is why he is held in such high esteem.

Allah Almighty is Kind, and the Prophet (PBUH) imitated Allah's example in his perfection by showing kindness to his servants and all creatures without any regard for their beliefs, colors or nationalities. The Prophet (PBUH) said: “You are not a believer until you love for your companion of faith what you love for yourself.” This was why he always treated everyone with kindness and compassion, and never showed any animosity towards anyone. He was always patient and kind, and never lost his temper.

This is why we are taught to ask every person who comes near you: “Has Allah instructed you not to do such and such?” (Bukhari).

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Large SC bench to decide on women's entry into places of worship

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The Supreme Court, while hearing the Sabarimala temple case yesterday expanded the ambit of debate on restricting women's entry in places of worship across the country — religions Hindu, Muslim. Parsi — and included the question on judicial scrutiny of religious practices of fundamental faith in the Dwarka-Bhoomi community.

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Bjp selects 13 ‘defectors’ for Karnataka by-elections

IANS/REUTERS

The BJP has named 13 of the 16 defected former Congress and JD-S leaders to contest against Karnataka on December 5, hours after they joined the ruling party, a party official said yesterday.

"Of the 17 disqualified rebel MLAs, 16 joined our party earlier in the day in the presence of either the BJP or the Janata Dal (Secular, JD-S). The party's candidate for the 13 Assembly segments (Ramesh) will be finalised soon," said K. Shankar, who resigned as an Independent in July, and joined the party only after he was given the ticket, the official said.

The Supreme Court yesterday dissolved the Janata Dal (Secular) and granted special status to Jamma and Kshmiri’s seat council.

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Schools closed in Delhi as air quality dips for 3rd day

A Lesson in water conservation

Farmers and policians look at green paper bags during a workshop on increasing water use efficiency in agriculture organised by National Water Mission - Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganges Rejuvenation Ministry, today.

Junior Chachas celebrating Children's Day

Schoolchildren, dressed up as India’s first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who was fondly called Chacha Nehru, hold roses during an event for Children’s Day celebrations at a school in Amritsar, yesterday.

Congress, NCP & Sena hold first meeting on Maharashtra govt

The first tripartite meeting of the Shivy Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party and the Congress was held in two separate sessions today here to finalise the government formation details, party sources said.

From the Sena, party President Uddhav Thackeray’s trusted lieutenant, legislature party leader Eknath Shinde and Sudhakar Pawar were present.

The Congress was represented by its chief Minisers Ashok Chavan of Shivalkar Shinde and Prithvi Chavan, former state pres¬ident Mantra Thacker and the Leader of Opposition Vijay Wadawar.

The NCP had deployed its state chief Jayant Patil, Mumbai President Vinod Malik and former Deputy Chief Minister Chhagan Bhujbal.

The sources said that these meetings were preceded by a short meeting held between Thackeray and Congress-NCP leaders, details of which are not clear.

Yesterday’s meetings were held “in a very cordial, free and frank atmosphere” and the dis¬cussions chiefly pertained to the Common Minimum Programme (CMP) being worked out by the three prospective allies.

AP/REUTERS

India’s Supreme Court yesterday rejected petitions seeking a probe into the government’s purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets from France’s Dassault Aviation over pricing issues.

Three Supreme Court judges said they didn’t see any merit in the petitions filed by two former ministers and an activist seeking an investigation of the Rafale deal.

Congress-party leader Rahul Gandhi accused Modi’s government of covering up a company owned by businessman Anil Ambani, Reliance Group, when choosing an Indian partner for the French jet manufacturer.

In December last year, the top court rejected petitions filed by activists challenging the Rafale deal in which Finance Minister Ranjan Gogoi saying there was no reason to doubt the government’s decision making.

Gogoi also said it was not the job of the court to deal with pricing details. The first aircraft is due to arrive in India in May.

The deliveries are expected to be complete by 2022.

Gandhi yesterday said the Supreme Court should have opened a ‘huge door’ into investigation of the Rafale scam and demanded a joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the “fraudulent deal”.

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Meanwhile, senior counsel Ravi Dhaivas, representing the Jamma and Kashmiri People’s Conference, moved the court to give the first priority for hearing the issue on aspects like a habitation of services, division of assets and standing of properties but the court said that it would hear the entire case.

Last week, the court has filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court seeking an examination of Article 370 from Jamma and Kashmiri by saying that the power under Article 370 is the Constitution could safely be exercised even after the dissolution of the Constituent Assembly of the erstwhile state.
Legal options for Indian spy case review under study: Pakistan army

The law doesn’t talk about imposition of any conditions to erase a name from the ECL. However, there is no mention of any department including the National Accountability Bureau in the ECL and it solely empowers the federal government with sweeping power to govt.

The law offers sweeping power to govt

ECL law offers sweeping power to govt

Driver amid heavy smog

Commuters drive their vehicles amid heavy smog conditions in Lahore, yesterday.

Pakistan army has said that various legal options for ‘review and reconsideration’ of Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav’s case, which has been given amnesty just days after the president sparked outrage from the victim’s family, rights groups, and the international community.

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The crisis in Bolivia fits no easy political narrative

Asmaa Tahhan
The Washington Post

In December 2004, hosts Qatar pipped Oman in the final to win the Gulf Cup for the second time in what was hailed as a football ‘‘rebirth’’ sparked by a packed Jasim Bin Hamad Stadium. The victory — achieved on penalties — was celebrated across the country as a gutsy performance from the home side capped a dream run to emerge victorious. Qatar, who will host the most popular national team event of the region from Nov 26-Dec 8 for the fourth time, can expect a greater buzz this time around primarily because the home side are now appearing as the Asian Cup champions for the eighth-time tournament.

The home side — coached by Spain’s Felix Sanchez for a little over a couple of years — are on a high of playing 15 matches this year alone. This year’s assignment includes their unbeaten seven-match winning streak at the 2019 Asian Cup — where Qatar stunned hosts UAE 4-0 in the final — and Copa America in June in Brazil. More matches in recent times has translated into top following and greater critical analysis of Qatar players appearing under the all-time champions for the eight-team tournament.

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But in recent years, Morales more closely followed a authoritarian playbook, undermining some of the social and eco- nomic movements that once buttressed his rule and processing former allies who turned against him. Some punitives played out in the awkward role of trying to negotiate a democratic transition — and urged a national dialogue to resolve the dispute. “The military, which recommended Morales resignation is further blooded, stays in power, it will be a coup,” noted Andrei Oppenheimer in the Miami Herald. “But if the constitutional line of succession is respected and an interim president calls for a new election within 90 days, it will be a constitutional means Morales illegal power grab.”

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His comments came after Hong Kong’s government dissident lawmaker Yau Wai-ching declared in a speech to impose a weekend curfew, after China’s state-owned Global Times newspaper declared a tweet that reported the city’s chief executive would resign.

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Australia’s justice minister,” the minister said.

Anti-government demonstrators gather to protest in Central, Hong Kong, yesterday.

Australian Finance Minister Mathias Cormann yesterday summoned the Hong Kong authorities to address the panel’s recommendations, the minister said.

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Italy declares state of emergency in Venice after flood

Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte's cabinet has ordered the immediate release of €20m in funds for urgent interventions after Tuesday's flooding.

People walk along a flooded street in Venice after Tuesday's flooding.

The UK's EU commissioner has made a new call for Britain to leave the bloc by the national election on December 12, which he called to try and win a majority to deliver on his promise of a Brexit.

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The Joint Investigation Team (JIT) said on Tuesday it has information on a Buk missile system. The team is due to present its findings on Monday, it said.

Key Catalan party refuses support for Spain Premier

A Catalan separatist party whose support is key to the investiture of Spain's new government yesterday refused to back a row over the appointment of a prosecutor general in a proxy vote.

Britain's Brexit Party has failed to reach a tactical voting pact with the ruling Conservatives, saying yesterday that it will field 300 candidates in next month's election for Prime Minister Boris Johnson to deliver on his promise of a clean break with the European Union.

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Bolivia interim leader says Morales cannot run in next election

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LA PAZ

Bolivian interim President Jeanine Anez said yesterday that ousted former President Evo Morales will not be able to take part in upcoming elections because he is barred from running for a fourth consecutive term.

Addressing a news conference, Anez added that Morales' vice-president, Alvaro Garcia, would also not be allowed to run for president.

Both resigned after a damning audit on vote irregularities was released and the head of the influential military suggested he should quit to end unrest after the disputed October 20 election. At least seven people have been killed in clashes between Morales' supporters, opponents and police since protests first erupted three weeks ago.

From exile in Mexico, Morales called for dialogue to help "pacify" Bolivia, asking the United Nations and Pope Francis to help. In an interview with Spanish daily El Pais published on Wednesday, Morales said he was still legally president because his resignation had not been accepted by the legislature.

President Anez (52), was deputy senate speaker when Morales resigned hours after his alleged electoral defeat. She has already reiterated a promise to "hold elections in the next 90 days".

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"We don't want to mourn the death of any young person, even a Mapuche or from elsewhere," she said.

Families of some of the victims have been camped out in front of the presidential palace demanding information on their loved ones. Morales' vice-president, Alvaro Garcia, said there had been "arson attacks, according to the ministry of interior."

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MOSCOW

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China braces for unrest on anniversary of police shooting death

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SANTIAGO

Chile braced for another day of intense protests yesterday, with demonstrators gathering around the country to mark one year since a young indigenous man was shot dead by police in circumstances that are still under investigation.

According to fliers circulating on social media, 18 protests are planned around Chile in the late afternoon, with more planned outside Chilean embassies abroad.

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One dead, several injured in California school shooting

One person was killed and several others were injured yesterday after a shooting at a Southern California high school and the student gunman was in custody, authorities said.

The shooting occurred at around 7:30 am at Saugus High School in the city of Santa Clarita, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital reported that one female patient was dead, two males were in critical condition and one was in good condition.

It was unclear if there were any other injured. Initial reports fluctuated as high as 15.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said that the suspect was in custody and was being treated at a hospital.

Student Sharon Orelana Cordova told KNBC-TV, “This was the first time I was scared. I had never been in a situation like that before.”

Cordova said she hid under a table in a woman’s office until officers came to get her. “When I got out, I saw this person lying on the ground, with blood all over.”

Foodman Roselle Rodriguez was walking up the library stairs when she heard noises that “sounded like balloons” popping.

When she saw other students running, she realized they were gunshots.

Still carrying a backpack laden with books, she ran across the street to a home, where a woman didn’t know she gave shelter to her and about 10 other students.

During the more than hour they were there, students including Rodriguez called their families and texted with friends.

No one in the house area was located.

“I just heard a lot of kids crying. We were scared,” Rodriguez said. “We were scared. Nobody in the house area was located. We were scared. Nobody in the house area was located.”

The shooting occurred at the Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital.

A general view of first responder vehicles outside Saugus High School after a shooting at the school in Santa Clarita, California, U.S. yesterday. (AP Photo/Kyle Grillot)

Former governor Deval Patrick enters crowded 2020 Democratic race

Former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick has officially entered the crowded 2020 presidential race yesterday, signaling the centrist candidate’s intention to compete long after the leading candidates have already dropped out.

Patrick, 63, announced his debut for the White House in a 25-minute video posted on his website becoming the 18th candidate in the Democratic pack.

None of the others has already dropped out.

They bring a richness of ideas and experience and a depth of character that makes me proud to be in the conversation, Patrick, who is closest to former President Barack Obama, said of the other candidates.

But the character of the candidates is an issue in every election, this time is about the character of the country; he added.

Patrick, who had last run, wouldn’t run this week, if he didn’t think the country needed a Democratic candidate to run.

His change of mind highlights anxieties among Democratic voters as far from uniting behind one candidate is the clock ticks down to party primaries early next year.

Moderate Pete Buttigieg has eaten into some of Biden’s support. A poll of likely voters this week showed the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, the first state to vote in the Democratic nominating process.

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Former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick has officially entered the crowded 2020 presidential race yesterday, signaling the centrist candidate’s intention to compete long after the leading candidates have already dropped out.

Patrick, 63, announced his debut for the White House in a 25-minute video posted on his website becoming the 18th candidate in the Democratic pack.

None of the others has already dropped out.

They bring a richness of ideas and experience and a depth of character that makes me proud to be in the conversation, Patrick, who is closest to former President Barack Obama, said of the other candidates.

But the character of the candidates is an issue in every election, this time is about the character of the country; he added.

Patrick, who had last run, wouldn’t run this week, if he didn’t think the country needed a Democratic candidate to run.

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The members of a Qatar Chamber (QC) delegation, which was headed by the Second Vice-Chairman Raed bin Hamad Al Abtahe and included board members Mohammed bin Mahdi Al Abtahe and Abdul Rahman Abdul Jalil Abdul Ghamri, attended the GCC Consultative Meeting to enhance economic integration in the region.

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Germany’s economy is growing slowly but isn’t in a crisis and doesn’t need a boost from additional spending, Finance Minister Olaf Scholz (pictured) said after the country avoided a technical recession in the third quarter.

“It’s great that we have the strength to do something if it’s necessary. But it’s also good to know that we don’t have a crisis,” Scholz said at a Bloomberg News event in Berlin, adding that Europe’s largest economy showed resilience amid global trade tensions.

Germany narrowly dodged its first recession in almost seven years with a surprise expansion of 0.1 percent in gross domestic product in the third quarter, data showed earlier yesterday. Annual expansion has slowed to only around 0.5 percent this year, as trade woes, weaker growth globally and surging inflation weigh on the economy.

“We still have very high employment,” Scholz said. “It’s slower growth but it’s not a crisis.” Avoiding a recession could boost Scholz’s bid to head his Social Democratic party in a leadership election this month and weaken the argument of his detractors that the SPD, the junior partner in Merkel’s government, should quit the coalition.

The administration has been plagued by infighting and leadership struggles ever since Merkel stepped down as party leader late last year. She said she wouldn’t run again after her fourth term ends in 2021 at the latest.

Her successor to lead the Christian Democrats, Defense Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, has stumbled in her efforts to make a name for herself and failed to boost the party’s support in opinion polls. Last month she faced an outright rebellion by party members wanting her to step aside in the race to succeed Merkel.

Walmart Q3 profits surge to $3.3bn, beating expectations

AFP
WASHINGTON

Retail giant Walmart saw profits surge in the latest quarter on a sharp rise in online sales and a boost from Indian retailer Flipkart, according to its results today.

The company posted a profit of $3.3 billion in the third quarter, data from the results released today showed, far exceeding Wall Street expectations. Total revenue rose 2.5 percent to nearly $130 billion, in line with experts’ forecasts.

“This resulted in adjusted earnings per share of $1.63, well above the median estimate of $1.09 expected by analysts,” the company said in a statement.

Walmart’s management now projects the full year results to be “up slightly” – a modest improvement from previously expressed concerns and are hopeful that an overarching long-term agreement can be reached.

But sales in Britain were soft due to concern over Brexit, while business in China has been impacted by civil unrest there forcing many stores to close.

The chair marked the first anniversary of the acquisition of Flipkart, which boosted international sales.
Of course, that sort of performance (against Australia) A makes you feel that you’re not naive being here and you can really do the job.

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Commenting on the planned activities, Marketing Director of the tournament’s Local Organising Committee, Hassan Al Karoui, said: “We are proud and delighted to have been chosen to host one of the world’s most prestigious tournaments. For Friday’s event marks a symbolic moment in our countdown to welcoming the world’s best club teams to Qatar public on the road to 2022, as for the first time we welcome thousands of club fans from all over the world to take a peak at our great players and watch the games taking place. It’s a fantastic opportunity to watch what our clubs have to offer.”

He added: “This is a wonderful opportunity for the world to see what it will be like in just three years’ time. We look forward to welcoming the world’s top clubs to Doha and Qatar, and to showcasing the additional attractions.”

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Qatar’s Tamimi sets sights on top-10 rank

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Qatar’s squash hero Abdulla Al Tamimi – who gave a scare to World No.1 Tarek Momen of Egypt before going down in a third-place play-off and the final.

He added: “I think the match was a good test for us. It’s a good thing. It always gives that extra motivation, he added.

Tamimi is grateful that lot of people came to support him in all the three matches he played during the PSA World Championship and he is happy to have been selected by the Academy and Squash Futures as well.

For me, my priority is my job, for this country, make everyone proud, and do something good for this country, because the country has done a lot for me. Since I was young, I was in the Academy and Squash Futures as well.

Al Tamimi received the support from the people, they are watching their son, brother, depending on how old they are. So it is always good. Sometimes it puts you under pressure, but this time I was enjoying, and that’s when I perform my best. I tried to look outside the court while I am playing. I had no idea what was happening, it was only after the match it worked out pretty well,” he added.

Tamimi said the support of local companies argues well for sports and sports people.

They will be supporting my financially. It means a lot coming from Qatar people and companies, that means they care, especially because individual sports like squash don’t always have the media coverage behind it, but will create more and more coverage, which is great.

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Sheikh Suhaim was delighted to add that Al Tamimi is a top player in the near future.

“I am proud of him. I have known him since he was very young. In the last couple of years, I was supporting him. But after what I saw at the tournament, he has a great potential to become one of the top players in the coming years,” he added.

The company stepped in to sponsor Tamimi so that he can represent the country and give his best on the squash court.

“Don’t expect anything back from him, but what we need is Abdulla Al Tamimi to represent Qatar in the best way possible,” Sheikh Suhaim said.

As a result of the agreement, Al Bidda Group will be one of the main sponsors of squash in the country.

The tournament will also provide another massive moment for the Qatari public on the road to 2022, as for the first time we welcome thousands of club fans from all over the world to take a peak at our great players and watch the games taking place. It’s a fantastic opportunity for the world to see what our clubs have to offer.”

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Test cricket returns to Pakistan

Test cricket will return to Pakistan after a long gap of 10 years. Sri Lanka agreed to tour Pakistan for two matches this month, the Pakistan Cricket Board announced yesterday.

The move comes amidst international cricket teams shying away from Pakistan due to security concerns. The country has not hosted international cricket since the attack on their team in Sri Lanka in 2009.

For years afterwards, Pakistan withdrew from games in the United Arab Emirates as foreign teams refused to visit the cricket-mad country for security fears.

But Pakistan has seen a dramatic improvement in security in recent years, and international cricket has begun to creep back.

Shami-led pace pack puts India on top in Bangladesh Test

India's cricketer Mohammed Shami (right) reacts with captain Virat Kohli as they walk back to the pavilion during the first day of the first Test cricket match between India and Bangladesh in Indore yesterday.

India's pacemen Mohammed Shami led a powerful attack to give India the upper hand in the first Test yesterday. Shami struck in the opening over, dismissed Mominul Haque, got his first wicket and bowled out Taijul Islam.

Yadav, Sharma and Shami took wickets in the morning session before Mushfiqur, who top-scored with 41, and Haque put on 68 for the fourth wicket.

When Bangladesh started the second innings, they were 156-4, with Shami having bowled Mominul for 37.

Sharma struck in the next over to send Shadman Islam back to the pavilion, also for 27.

Batting remained tough for Bangladesh from there on in, with Ashwin breaking the stand after getting Mominul bowled for 37.

India's fast bowler Mohammed Shami, who took three wickets in the match, says he is ready to face any challenges that come his way in future Tests.

India's cricket team is currently on tour in the United Arab Emirates, where they will play three Test matches against Sri Lanka and one against Afghanistan.

Burns earns Test recall, set to open against Pakistan

Opener Joe Burns has been recalled to start his home ground for Australia in the first Test against Pakistan next week.

Burns, Travis Head and Cameron Bancroft were included in a 14-man squad announced on Thursday, a week before the first test against Pakistan at the Gabba in Brisbane.

Selection chairman Trevor Hohns announced the squad hours after it emerged that Will Pucovski had withdrawn from consideration due to concerns about mental health issues.

Pucovski, who is yet to make his test debut, had been selected for the Australia ‘A’ team and was playing in an Australia A game against Pakistan in Perth when he notified team management of his decision.

The selectors then went on to select five batsmen. The third, four-test batsman Glenn Maxwell and three-two-test-hitters Usman Khawaja and Marcus Harris were also included in the 14-man squad.

Burns, who made his Test debut against Pakistan in 2021, says he is looking forward to the opportunity to play in Brisbane.

The PCB statement quoted Cricket Sri Lanka’s chief executive Ashley de Silva as saying they were “pleased to confirm the tour.”

“We are confident and convinced conditions are suitable and conducive for Test cricket,” he was quoted as saying yesterday.

The two Tests will be part of the World Test Championship, which is being played between the top nine teams of the world, culminating in a final in June 2021.

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In 2021, a one-off T20 match against Sri Lanka later that year, and a visit by the West Indies in 2018. Sri Lanka also completed a three-day international and series against Sri Lanka later that year, and a visit by the West Indies in 2018.

The CPC said the first Test would be held in Karachi from December 13-17, and the second Test will be held in Lahore from December 21-25.

Pakistan dismissed an Australian team featuring Test aspirants Marcus Harris, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Joe Burns and Cameron Bancroft for 122 then restricted them to 59 for two in the first innings.

"All those haters who have played for Australia or are knocking at the door,” added Younis.

"So getting them out early and bowling out the entire team cheaply will probably give us a very good message, that we are here for the business.

"We want to win and we want to challenge this Australian side, so there’s definitely confidence.”

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**Zlatan to leave LA Galaxy**

Zlatan Ibrahimovic will not return to the LA Galaxy for the 2020 MLS season, the team said in a statement on Wednesday. The 38-year-old Swedish striker tallied 12 goals and 17 assists in 33 starts for the Galaxy, the team joined in March 2018 from Manchester United. The charismatic Ibrahimovic, who has also played for some of Europe’s biggest clubs including Barcelona, Juventus, Paris St Germain, Inter Milan and AC Milan, said he was loving Los Angeles on a high note. “I came, I saw, I conquered. Ibra-movie wrote on Twitter.”

**Zverev denies illegal phone use**

Alexander Zverev denied he was using his phone illegally during his ATP Finals round-robin defeat to Stefanos Tsitsipas at London’s O2 Arena. The defending champion was asked about the incident during the post-match press conference following his 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 defeat on Wednesday. TV footage that circulated on social media appeared to show him touching something in his bag at a changeover during the match. Israeli state players cannot access any electronic devices during matches. But Zverev, 22, insisted he did not have his phone with him on court. When asked what he might have been touching in his bag, the German said: “I mean I was water bottle/empty water bottle maybe.”

**Atletico’s Costa may need surgery for neck injury**

**Henry returns to Montreal Impact as new head coach**

Former France striker Thierry Henry has been appointed as the head coach of Montreal Impact on a two-year deal, the Major League Soccer (MLS) team announced on Wednesday. The Frenchman returns to the club he helped lead to MLS Cup victory in 2018, when they won the tournament for the first time.

He scored 53 goals in 123 appearances for France and played at four World Cups, including 1998 when they won the tournament for the first time. Henry will be presented to the media on Thursday.He is expected to be introduced during the MLS Eastern Conference final between the Columbus Crew and Inter Miami on Saturday. Henry worked for four months as an assistant coach with the Dutch national team before being appointed coach of the Montreal Impact in 2018, when they won the tournament for the first time.
Qatar ready for tough matches: Official

FARWAD HUSSEIN 26 November 2019

For the GCC countries, winning the Gulf Cup is a matter of pride, and it is that competition which makes the GCC teams perform and play, resulting in fiercely contested matches.

The tournament, which started 15 years ago, has a long history of producing exciting battles among the regional sides, so what’s new in the 2019 edition?

According to Jassim Al Rumaihi, Secretary-General of the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation (AGCFF), this year’s Gulf Cup joint qualifier in Tajikistan on November 26, are expected to hit the ground running after playing 10 matches this year alone.

The draw, which initially was conducted again yesterday after Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain agreed last to play in the tournament following their refusal to take part in the event earlier.

All the teams competing is much better than the five teams, everybody is saying that. Eight teams from different nationalities will show more performance,” said Al Rumaihi.

Yesterday’s draw saw hosts Qatar were drawn with rivals UAE, Yemen and Iraq with Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain forming the Group B.

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Bahrain agreed late to play in the tournament, said Al Rumaihi.

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“All the teams are competing in the biggest regional football tournament, in June this year to attain qualification for 2022 FIFA World Cup.

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All the four players are expected to be included in coach Sanchez’s squad for the 13-day tournament that ends on December 8.

“I cannot say that one group is easier than the other,” Al Salat, Qatar team’s Media Director, told The Peninsula yesterday.

“It’s a tough competition to the end. The performances of the teams taking part in the Gulf Cup are close to each other’s. I am thinking it’s going to be an exciting event,” Salat added.

“We will have packed stadiums with huge number of fans watching the team,” it will be an event for us to show that Qatar are the Asian Cup champions,” Salat said.

“We hope we can continue with our fine performances this year,” he added.

“If you take a look at both groups, you will note that defending champions Oman are in Group A along with Saudi Arabia – which is a big team – and Kuwait who are a top side when it comes to this championship,” he added.

“I think it is the same when you look at Qatar, the UAE and Iraq. We are playing together after a long time,” he said.

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Qatar and Singaporean players in action during their friendly match played at the Abdullah Bin Khalifa Stadium yesterday. Qatar won the match 2-0. Qatar’s next match will be played on November 19, against Afghanistan in the second round of the AFC Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers.

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Asian Cup semi-finalists Qatar and the UAE were yesterday drawn together in Group A of the Gulf Cup setting the stage for an explosive rematch between the two regional football powerhouse.

When the eight-team competition kicks off on November 26, Asian Cup champions Qatar will be looking to add to their three Gulf Cup titles but the home side - coached by Felix Sanchez - won’t be taking any of the matches lightly, according to a team official.

Yemen and Iraq - the 2007 Asian Cup winners - are also in Group A while World Cup side Saudi Arabia, defending champions Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain form Group B.

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Swedish star Zlatan Ibrahimovic to leave LA Galaxy

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Before confirmation from the blocking countries, the Khalifa International Stadium was the only venue to host all the matches, and Al Rumaihi said probably one more ground will be added.

All the teams will come well prepared as all of them are competing in qualification for 2022 FIFA World Cup and the 2023 Asian Cup.

Eight teams from different nationalities will show more performance,” said Al Rumaihi.

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